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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James E. Peeples of Peoria, who passed away on March 18, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born December 20, 1913, in Buena Vista, Georgia, to Greely and Zula (Jones) Peeples; he married Mary Frances on August 8, 1940, in Burlington, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, He worked for the city of Peoria, retiring in 1983 as director of human relations in the Department of Human Resources; he also retired after 53 years of service as owner and operator of the Drapery House in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, As a civil rights leader for many years, he was inducted into the Peoria African-American Hall of Fame and served on numerous committees, including the NAACP, Peoria City Council, Tri-County Urban League, Agency on Aging, American Civil Liberties Union, and many more; and

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WHEREAS, He had 61 years of dedicated service to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and received many awards for his service in the Peoria community, including the Dr. Martin Luther King Award, the Governor's Award for Unique Achievement, an Award for the Chairman of the Peoria Economic Association, the Bob

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1 Horan Community Service Award, the Pope John Paul Award, the
2 Sam Belfer Civil Libertarian Award, the Tri-County Urban League
3 Service and Recognition Award, and the 2000 Alpha Phi Alpha Man
4 of the Year Award; he received many more awards for his work in
5 the community and his continued effort to improve race
6 relations; and

7 WHEREAS, He was an active member of the Ward Chapel AME
8 Church; and

9 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife
10 of 65 years; his son, Steven; his daughter, Paula Frances; his
11 brothers, Horace, Robert, Arvora and Grady; and his sisters,
12 Willa Mae Johnson and Ocie Peeples; and

13 WHEREAS, James Peeples is survived by his seven daughters,
14 Berdean (Tony) Simmons, Susan Slaughter, Mary Anne (Steven)
15 Fuller, Theresa (Tommy) Randolph, Rose Peeples, Judy (Tim)
16 Sturdivant, and Kayla Johnson; his five sons, James Jr., David,
17 Martin, Lester (Peggy) Peeples, and John Peeples; his 22
18 grandchildren; and his 17 great-grandchildren; therefore, be
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 his family and friends, the passing of James Peeples; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of James Peoples as a symbol of our
4 sincere sympathy.